

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:30 p.m. Committeemen Newton, Racite, Dennis, Brown and Pelura were present. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, R. DiGregorio-Police Chief, E. Gilbert-Public Works.

Mayor Pelura called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. He led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. Roll call was taken.

Motion that **all properly audited vouchers be paid** was made by Mr. Denis, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor.

Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Dr. Racite to accept **Monthly Departmental reports for April 2012** and all were in favor.

Dr. Racite motioned to approve the **Administrative Comp. Time Report**, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mayor Pelura asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the **Regular Committee meeting held on May 2, 2012**. Motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under **Applications** Mayor Pelura mentioned 12 **Park Permits #20 through 31** being for various events on various dates in both Dunns Park and the Rec. Complex. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve all park permits, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor. The Mayor mentioned an application from William Herrera to join the Carneys Point Fire/Rescue Department. Motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Resolutions 2012-90

PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE UPDATE

Mr. Brown made a motion to table this resolution because a few items still need to be addressed, seconded by Dr. Racite and a unanimous vote was taken.

Resolution 2012-91

NEW LIQUOR LICENSE

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to authorize the new liquor license to the Americas Best Value Inn, seconded by Mr. Newton. Mr. Brown has a few questions before the adoption such as is this a new license, will it increase the problems at that site. Chief DiGregorio said they had a license a few years back and now reapplying. Also, liquor always increases the problems at a site. This hotel houses a lot of Social Services families. Mr. Brown said he feels this should be tabled until the Solicitor has a chance to answer some questions. Motioned by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Resolution 2012-92

REMOVE NAME FROM TAX COLLECTORS BANK ACCOUNT

Mr. Brown motioned to remove the name of the former Tax Collector from the Tax Collection account and add Mrs. Stout for signing until a new Collector can be hired. Motion seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

Resolution 2012-93

REMOVE NAME FROM TAX COLLECTORS BANK ACCOUNT

Mr. Newton motioned to remove the name of the former Tax Collector and add Mrs. Stout for signing on the Redemption Bank Account until a new Collector can be hired. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mayor Pelura spoke of a few letters received; one being from Freeholder Director Julie Acton asking for residents to fill out a survey to help identify locations needing improved transportation services. The forms will be located in the lobby. The next letter was from the 3rd Legislative District thanking the Committee for sending Resolution 2012-72 which supports the restoration of the Energy Tax Receipt funding to municipalities. Mayor Pelura said the Township received a letter from three members of the State Legislature who introduced legislation to return the hundreds of millions of dollars that had been cut from municipal aid through the state's diversions of money from the Energy Tax Receipts. Lastly, Mayor Pelura mentioned a note from former Tax Collector Patricia Capasso requesting to be paid for any unused vacation time. Mr. Brown asked if that amount is prorated. Mrs. Stout said a calculation has been done for what is remaining of her time. Motion to pay the unused vacation time was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor. Dr. Racite said Public Works received a letter of thanks from a resident in White Oaks Trailer Park. She missed her trash day and phoned the office, the men went back to get her trash and she was grateful.

Mayor Pelura moved on to address **Old Business**. Mr. Gilbert said a request for a bus stop on the South Gate Health Care Facility property had been received late last year. He said a lot of their employees and many visitors use public transportation and they would like a shelter. Mayor Pelura said he thought this was approved last year. Mr. Gilbert said a letter needs to be sent to New Jersey Transit Bus Shelter Program and was not at that time. Mr. Gilbert said the Health Care Facility has offered to maintain the grass and trash at the bus stop if installed. Mr. Gilbert mentioned two bid openings on May 15th. The Municipal building roof project and the Emergency Pump Station Repairs were opened and are now with the Engineer for review. Dr. Racite mentioned back when the Committee reviewed the budget it was mentioned to have a company come and do maintenance on all fire equipment. This was a one year contract with Halo and they will do this maintenance twice a year. Dr. Racite said he spoke to the Solicitor and the contract is in order. He made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Mayor Pelura mentioned under **New Business** a Police internships and riding along in the vehicles. Chief DiGregorio addressed this program. He said a while ago this Rowan College student requested to do an internship in the police dept, he is also a Carneys Point resident. The Chief said after checking with the Township Insurance Company this program has been cleared. In his Junior year at college he is allowed to do an internship for 120 hours along with a paper for three college credits. He will not be compensated but will see and be a part of all aspects of police duties, filing, radio and even some detective duties. He will be assigned to a Sergeant. Mayor Pelura said his name is Donald Haines III and a resolution will be done at the next meeting. The whole Committee was on board with this idea. Dr. Racite mentioned at the Sewerage Authority meeting it was asked if they could link to our website. There was some discussion on what exactly they are looking to do, so Mr. Brown suggested having the Sewerage Authority write a letter with their request to the Township.

Public Participation: Eleanor Washington of Sandy Ridge Apartments said on behalf of the Washington Family she wanted to thank Gene Gilbert for his participation on the placement of their Mothers and Fathers signs over Virginia Ave., Griffith and Broad Street. She said they are beautiful and she is honored. She thanked Carneys Point Township.

John Bibeau of Delaware Ave. mentioned a lot of flooding in Carneys Point because DuPonts needs to open the sluice gates and let the water out. He said DuPont's needs to take the residents

in to consideration. He said they are not letting the water out at Game Creek. Mayor Pelura said he has a meeting with DuPont's and this is going to be discussed.

With no more questions or comments from the public this portion was closed.

RESOLUTION 2012-94

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Brown motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Racite and unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 7:05 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Newton and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:27 pm with the following action being taken.

Mayor Pelura mentioned a letter from Penns Grove requesting to be allowed to get out of the shared service for tax collection early. Mr. Dennis made the motion to have a letter sent stating Carneys Point is not going to allow them an early out, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown mentioned the reasons are the 2012 budget was adopted with them included and removing them now will cause a whole in the budget. Also, they can write a letter to request leaving in October if they want. Mayor Pelura said during budget time he met with Penns Grove on all the shared services between us and them. They were asked if they had any questions or problems with the services they are receiving. They had none and our budget was adopted. A unanimous all in favor was taken.

No further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Racite to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dennis. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved: 6-6-2012



June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk